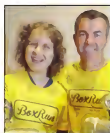




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Santa and his furry friends



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Dr. Stephanie Hall, St. David's Lioness president Helena Copeland and Dr. Alysia Alger look forward to Santa's visit with local pets at St. David's Veterinary Clinic Saturday. Santa stopped by for a preview last Thursday, and greeted Quinn, Hall's Irish wolfhound, her golden retriever Delilah, Alger's wheaten terrier Padraig and her cat Guinness. See story Page 20 for story.

Fighting to save the hospital

Organizer says
opposition
growing to closing
NOTL facility

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Carrying a bright red sign with "Save Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital" written on it, Sandra O'Connor was on the steps of Queen's Park in Toronto Friday to protest the closure of the hospital.

She was joining a large group of 3,000 from other communities across the province also faced with losing health care.

She said opposition to the closure of the NOTL facility by this spring "is building."

"We're just starting. We just went through an election. It's such a difficult time," she said. "I think people are confused. They think it's a done deal and they don't have any recourse."

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'We're going to show them that there is a recourse'

From page 1

"But we're going to show them that there is a recourse and they can speak up."

It was almost 20 years ago that the hospital was facing closure from the Mike Harris Conservatives, and a group of residents rallied to replace the hospital board and successfully fought to keep the doors

open, with a limited number of beds.

NOTL was represented at the rally at the Ontario Legislature to stop "unprecedented cuts and privatization that threaten community hospitals all across Ontario," said O'Connor.

"We are part of a larger issue of dismantling our health social fabric, and we have to fight back against this government's

policy, the LIHN's and the Niagara Health System, which do not recognize the needs of the community," she said.

"A Town Hall meeting to save our local hospital will be held in the near future where we can galvanize our energies into action."

A steering committee meeting scheduled for Dec. 1 at the community centre to plan the Town

Hall meeting.

A bus carried about 50 people from Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Thorold, St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake to the rally, but many more Niagara residents made their own way to the event. Welland and Port Colborne are also facing hospital closures as a result of the Kevin Smith report which recommended two hospitals in the Niagara Region - the new St. Catharines facility and another one

to be built in Niagara Falls.

Referring to thousands of hospital bed closures during the past 20 years, Welland MPP Cindy Forster asked: "Does this look like a progressive government to you, a government that is actually dismantling our health care system and closing our beds?"

"Kathleen Wynne is here today," Forster said — and she wasn't referring to the huge effort of the premier that was displayed during the event. Tell her, her government is not progressive. This reminds me of 1997-'98 when we were walking down University Ave.

under a Mike Harris government."

Sue Hotte from the Niagara Health Coalition said the coalition will be building on the momentum of the rally in the months ahead, hoping to ultimately stop plans calling for privatization of hospital services and the closure of hospitals.

"We're just going to keep at it," Hotte said.

Contacted by The Tribune Friday afternoon, Niagara Health System spokesman Brady Wood said local hospital administration chose to refrain from commenting on the rally.

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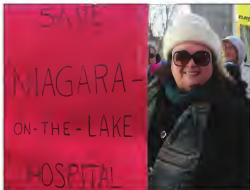
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Sandra O'Connor was on the steps of Queen's Park in Toronto to protest the closure of the NOTL hospital.

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Cherney was the voice of the Virgil Stampede

Penny Colos
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake native Ron Cherney, 68, died while on his way from Niagara Falls to Virgil last Wednesday afternoon.

He was driving down St. Paul Ave. when his car hit the side of a pick-up truck pulled over so the driver could pick up his mail. His car veered off the east edge of St. Paul Ave., stopping under the Hwy. 405 overpass, and the driver of the pick-up stayed with him until emergency crews arrived. Paramedics took him to the Niagara Falls hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Mark Cherney, the oldest of Ron's four sons, says his dad suffered cardiac arrest as he was driving down what locals call Sand Plant Hill in the first heavy snow storm of the season.

"He'd been doing some shovellings," said Mark. "He shovelled out his own car, and then some of his neighbours' cars."

Ron and Krista, his wife of about 10 years, had decided it was time to downsized and simplify their lifestyle, and had moved from Virgil to an apartment in Stamford this summer.



Ron Cherney, one of the organizers of the Virgil Stampede, would be on the grounds all weekend with his microphone, announcing entertainment and events. His son Mark says he loved to go to the stampede as a kid and takes his children now, and was always proud of the work his father did at the annual event.

For the last 20 years, he worked as a financial consultant, most recently with

Investors Group Financial Services. Krista worked with him.

His dad had a heart condition, but had been treated, and the news came as a

shock, said Mark.

"It's certainly not what we expected to hear."

He and his three brothers maintained a close relationship with their father, Mark said.

He, Aaron and Nathan all live close to the Four Mile Creek Rd. home their dad had just left, pretty much within walking distance, and Ryan, the youngest, is just over the canal in St. Catharines.

The four of them are all

moving ahead in their careers, and he credits his dad, who built up a successful greenhouse and florist business with their mother Helen in Virgil, as being a great role model.

"We learned a strong work ethic from him, growing up in the family business in Virgil, how to communicate with people, and other skills that have come in handy in life."

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'It was an opportunity ... to be together, and learn about hard work'

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Ron grew up working on his dad's farm in Virgil,

which stretched from Creek Rd. to Niagara Stone Rd., behind the Penner Building Centre. The boys could

walk from their home beside Cherney's Flowers and Gifts, to their grandfather's peach and cherry orchards, which bordered their parents business, and were accustomed to helping out with the fruit farm as well as in the greenhouses.

Like most kids, they didn't always love the work, Mark says, but they can look back on it and realize how much they learned that has helped them as adults.

"Looking back, I know we got a lot out of that work growing up. It was an opportunity for us all to be together, and learn about hard work. It was definitely interesting as a kid, seeing how hard my dad worked and the success that came with it."

As busy as he was with the family business, Ron always had time for the boys, said Mark. He has

great memories of his dad loading up the work cube van with bikes and taking them to BMX tracks, and they had the opportunity to play soccer, hockey or any other sport they chose.

"He was always our biggest supporter. We were all involved in minor sports, and he came out to watch. He always made sure we had the opportunity to play if we wanted."

He also showed his sons the importance of being involved in the community.

He as a member of the Queenston Lewiston Rotary Club, and a long-time member of the Virgil Business Association.

He helped out with several fundraisers for community facilities, "and definitely showed us the importance of being involved in the community," said Mark.

"He used to tell us, 'If you live in a community, belong to that community, and take any opportunity you can to give back to it.'"

One of Mark's great memories of growing up was attending the Virgil Stampede, organized by the Virgil Business Association, and he likes to continue that tradition by taking his kids to the annual event.



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Ron Cherney established a floral and gift business on Niagara Stone Rd., and when he sold it, became a financial consultant, most recently with Investors Group.

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Cherney was always on the lookout for new stuff

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"They love seeing their grandpa on the grounds, walking around with what they like to call his Britney Spears microphone," said Mark.

"He played such a huge role in the Stampede. I was always proud to say he was my dad. He helped to build a lot of the things we see around here today in Niagara-on-the-Lake, things my kids are going to benefit from now because of my dad and his work with the community."

During its 40 years, the VBA has donated more than \$1 million to help build the two Virgil arenas, the splash pad and park in Virgil, the soccer fields, school gymnasiums and playgrounds and other local facilities.

For many years Ron was

the organizer of all the entertainment for the event. He would connect with Homeniuk Amusement Rides, and reach out to many different entertainment acts to make sure there was something for everyone during what was a two-day event, and in recent years three days over the Victoria Day weekend. He would also travel to other fairs in the area to see if there was something new that might be of interest to the Stampede crowd, and was already working on lining up next spring's events.

He best-known to the public as the announcer for the weekend - the microphone was so that as he walked around the stampede grounds, he could direct the crowds to whatever was happening.

Richard Wall, president of

the Virgil Business Association, says he was "totally shocked" when he heard Ron had died Wednesday.

Mark has already called him about the papers he's found of his dad's outlining where he is with the entertainment lineup for this spring, he says.

"He was fantastic to work with. He handled all the bookings, had his list of events and co-ordinated when and where they'd be on the grounds. I'm not sure how long he's been doing that, but I've been going to meetings since 1984 and I remember him talking about the entertainment then. And he was great at the announcements, keeping people up-to-date with what was going on. He was always on the lookout for new stuff, to

keep it fresh. If there was any opportunity to make the stampede more attractive, he would know about it. He did a phenomenal job."

Ron gave over his entire long weekend to the stampede, said Wall.

"He was always on the grounds, and he'd volunteer for whatever needed doing. It's going to be impossible to replace him - he was part of the tradition of the stampede."

Ron leaves his wife Krista, sons Mark (Carrie), Ryan (Jeanette), Aaron (Melissa) and Nathan (Christel). He was stepfather to Lisa Van To (Phil) and Lana Hanson, and grandfather to 12 grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Church, 89 Scott Street, St.

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our editorial

The oil world's big shift

While American senators were voting down legislation last week that would permit the Keystone XL pipeline to be built in the U.S., two Americans were in Ottawa for the Canadian launch of a task force that wants to strengthen the energy relationship among Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

David Petraeus, a retired U.S. general, and Robert Zoellick, a former president of the World Bank, believe it's high time the three nations could be better resolved within the context of a North American approach to energy development.

They and their colleagues believe the energy and economic challenges faced by the three nations can be better resolved within the context of a North American approach to energy development.

The task force is recommending, among other things, that North America's energy infrastructure — which would include pipelines such as Keystone — be strengthened and the continent's regulations be harmonized.

For the first time in 40 years, petroleum production in the U.S. is skyrocketing, making it possible for the U.S. to be less dependent on foreign oil, particularly from hot spots like the Middle East.

Rebirth of America's petroleum for-

tones, coupled with Canada's tremendous production from the Alberta oil sands, helps place the two nations in a position of unusual economic strength, a strength task force members believe can be better harnessed through co-operation and a closer relationship.

For the past 60 years, the U.S.'s energy focus has been on the Middle East. It has propped up dictatorships and other despicable regimes, all in the name of establishing energy security for Americans, but at tremendous cost. The political and social instability in the Middle East is due partly to the West's insatiable thirst for cheap oil. Yet only in recent years has new technology allowed that thirst to be partly satisfied by domestic production.

Keystone is part of that, and proponents of the pipeline will get a chance in January when the new Senate is sworn in, a Senate more sympathetic to the pipeline's construction.

There is much to think about for political leaders on both sides of the border. Within the oil world, there has been a tremendous shift, the benefits of which have yet to be realized on this continent.

— Peter Epp

Having their cake



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Pat Darte, newly elected lord mayor, is enjoying his piece of cake, but not as much as some of the kids at Niagara Nursery School: he's joined at the table by Tomas Nolan, Fynny Bental, Morgan Evans, Jordyn Salter, Owen Delruce and Graden Baerg. The school was celebrating National Child Day Nov. 20, established by the United Nations and recognized around the world. In Niagara, the region has established a children's charter of rights, which says "All Niagara's children should have healthy physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, well-being and quality of life." The NOTL nursery school at the community centre was asked to be part of the regional celebration.

letters to the editor

Roundabout makes no economic sense

The roundabout on Niagara Stone Rd. may have been the result of a successful partnership between the Town and the Niagara Region, but it is not one that makes any economic sense.

Traffic roundabouts are designed as an alternative to a four-way stop signs and traffic lights at crossroads, so as to facilitate a smoother traffic flow and reduce the backups that can otherwise occur. They work very well within certain limits provided motorists understand the basic rules.

As a traffic calming device (assuming that is what is really required), a lower posted speed limit together with speed bumps and the appropri-

ate police enforcement would have the same effect at a fraction of the cost to the taxpayer.

A portion of this money would have been better spent on resurfacing some of the roads in the Old Town (a tourist town) and parts of Highway 55 that are in very poor condition to say the least.

A serious review of priorities by the town administration is obviously overdue.

Derek Collins
Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

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Remembering the rules for beautiful Poinsettias

I hope no one paid any attention to the heading on my column last week — I did not write it and I never recommend wrapping evergreens, but sorry for the confusion. Now it is the season for Poinsettias, and remembering the rules, place in a bright room away from drafts, and recalling the statement made by Tom Bratbrook "most Poinsettias die from growing" — do not over

water. I know some people do the 'keep the plant in the dark for so long thing' I don't for the simple reason I forget and then I feel guilty when the poor plant dies! Beside that all our wonderful nurseries grow lots of them in colours ranging from white through a range of pinks through to a deep red, and it is a treat to go and see them all.

I received a gift of an Amaryllis bulb, and if my



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

timing is right it should

be just perfect to be included in my Christmas display. These bulbs are so easy to grow and look so dramatic you feel it should be complicated, it is not, so have a go!

I still have my spring bulbs to finish planting so I hope the weather settles down. Now I am also planting some more milkweed seeds (it is so wonderful that the monarchs are coming back). I have a sunny spot



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Monarch butterfly on a Milkweed plant.

picked out, so I will dig the soil a little with a trowel, poke in four or five seeds (not deep) smooth things off and

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The show and sale will be held Dec. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizer Susan Holly has been involved with Artful Treasures for many years, and is excited about the array of beauti-

ful items produced for this year's event.

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Some of the great items you can expect to find include: fused glass pieces, finely-crafted jewelry, bath and body products, pottery and porcelain, handmade teddy bears, woodwork, handmade handbags, jackets and scarves, handcrafted ornaments, stained glass artwork, and handmade baby and toddler accessories.

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Rima Boles
Niagara Pumphouse

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Barbara Moffat of Barbara's Teddies is an annual participant of the annual Pumphouse Artful Treasures show and sale.

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TENDER CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL DRAIN TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARKWAY DRAIN IN THE VILLAGE OF QUEENSTON

SEALED TENDERS, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the office of the Clerk, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

Tuesday December 16, 2014

Tenders will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on the same day in the Council Chambers at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Offices.

This project is for the construction of a new municipal drain under the Drainage Act. It will involve the following works: clearing and grubbing; installation of cable concrete mats; installation of HDPE pipe; removal and construction of catchbasins; asphalt and driveway removal and restoration; hydro seeding and restoration; and any other works that may be required during the project.

A DVD of the Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may be obtained starting **Monday December 1, 2014**, from the Municipal Offices, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0. A non-refundable payment in the amount of \$25.00, reflecting part of the cost of document preparation, will be required for each DVD of tender documents taken. Plans, Specifications and Form of Tender may also be obtained from Merx or Bidding e-procurement web sites. A printed copy of the tender is available upon request.

Plan and Specifications may be viewed, but not removed, without charge at the following locations:

Town Municipal Offices 1593 Four Mile Creek Rd PO Box 100 Virgil, Ontario	Niagara Construction Association 34 Scott Street St. Catharines, Ontario	Hamilton-Halton Construction Association 370 York Bl., Suite 100 Hamilton, Ontario
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All tenders must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount of \$9,000.00 made payable to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

Bass Pro Shops opens its doors with celebrity lineup

➤ Crowd braves heavy snow squalls blowing across region

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Bass Pro Shops Outpost in Niagara-on-the-Lake is officially open.

The ribbon of the anchor retailer at the Outlet Collection at Niagara was cut Wednesday evening, to a crowd that braved the heavy snow squalls blowing across the region, some people lining up as early as 3 p.m. to stand in the blowing snow until the doors opened at 6 p.m.

An all-star lineup of celebrities from the world of sports, entertainment and the outdoors was reduced to those who could make it through the storm as the newest Bass Pro addition opened with its traditional Evening for Conservation, donating half of all sales to local conservation and wildlife organizations.

Dave Mercer, host of Facts of Fishing, emceed the opening celebrations, recounting a little of the history of the company founded by Johnny Morris, who attends all store openings, but was coming from the U.S. and couldn't reach NOTL because of the weather.



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Left: General manager Giles Fisher cuts the ribbon for the opening of the Bass Pro Shops Outpost in NOTL. Right: Dave Mercer, host of Facts of Fishing, emceed the opening celebrations, with help from Bones.



Bass Pro Shops are known for providing a fun outdoor experience indoors.

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Brooke and Ashley Rowe of Virgil visit with Santa in Santa's Wonderland at the Bass Pro Shops Outpost in NOTL Wednesday evening, during the opening celebration.



A huge aquarium filled with fish native to Niagara is one of the highlights of the Bass Pro Shops Outpost.



Kids admire the fish in the Bass Pro Shops Outpost aquarium, one of the main attractions opening night.

Host calls Bass Pro 'the greatest outdoor store on this planet'

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In 1971, Mercer said, Morris, frustrated by the lack of fishing tackle in local stores, rented a trailer and travelled across the U.S., filling it with bait. When he returned home to Springfield, Missouri, he set up shop in an eight-foot section in the back of his father's liquor store.

What Morris built, general manager Giles Fisher told the crowd gathered for the ribbon-cutting, "is the greatest outdoor store on this planet."

Also on hand to celebrate the opening was Kevin and Paul Beasley, co-hosts of Canada in the Rough television show, Wendel Clark, former captain for the Toronto Maple Leafs, Owen Nolan, former NHL player and host of Sportsman 360 TV show, Bones, the IceDogs mascot, and some IceDog players.

Santa was in Santa's Wonderland, another tradition of the outdoor store, with a long line-up of kids waiting to visit with Santa and receive a free photo.

Known for providing a fun outdoor experience indoors, a typical Bass Pro Shops retail store features more than 3,500 antiques and artifacts, up to 400 trophy fish and wildlife mounts, and many murals depicting local scenes. At 800,000 square feet, the NOTL Outpost is on a smaller scale, but includes a gigantic fish aquarium stocked with fish native to Niagara, wildlife mounts throughout the store, and murals of the Niagara River, the falls and other conservation areas.

Free Bass Pro Shops outdoor skills workshops will be offered throughout the year on a regular basis and will include topics such as outdoor cooking, nature photography, fly fishing, camping, archery and more.

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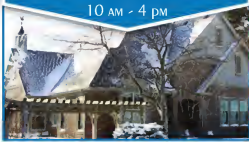
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Candlelight Stroll



Friday, December 5

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As is customary at the Stroll, there will be a special performance by Debbie Whitehouse, singing from the Court House steps, later joined by the Salvation Army Band, as part of the opening ceremonies.

Lord Mayor Patrick Darle will introduce Mike Strange, founder of the BoxRun Challenge, this year's recipient of the



Candlelight Stroll candle sale proceeds. The BoxRun Challenge is an initiative to raise awareness for childhood cancers.

Joining Strange, who is leading the stroll through the Heritage District aboard a horse-drawn carriage, Fort Erie resident Brandon Caruana. Brandon was diagnosed with pineoblastoma (brain tumour) in 2008 and since has been cancer-free for the past five years.

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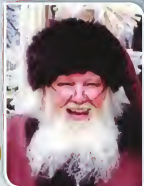
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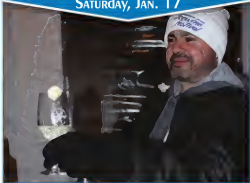
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This year, the money raised from the sale of candles the night of the Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Stroll will help many children and their families, by supporting the Ronald McDonald House and the McMaster University Cell and Cancer Research Institute to help knock out childhood cancer through the Mike Strange BoxRun Foundation.

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Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Parliament Oak student Julia Janzen, past participant of the Candlelight Stroll, with Niagara Falls boxer and BoxRun founder Mike Strange. Janzen and Strange both spoke at the Chamber's Community Breakfast Saturday. Janzen, who is blind, spoke about how the experience has changed her life, allowing the purchase of technology that helps her read and write in Braille, and communicate with her friends.



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Strange will lead stroll through Heritage District aboard horse-drawn carriage

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Strange, an amateur boxing champion, ran across Canada in 2012 to raise money to fight children's cancer. Now a Niagara Falls city councillor, he continues as a spokesperson and fundraiser for the foundation.

Of his run, he said recently in Niagara-on-the-Lake, "I felt like quitting every day. If it was to set a record or beat an existing one, I probably would have. But when youth and children are fighting cancer every day, there is no way that you would quit."

People get cancer at any stage in life, he said, but when the disease affects children, "it's devastating."

Strange's BoxRun efforts have raised close to \$250,000.

This year's annual Candlelight Stroll takes place on Friday Dec. 5, with carolling from the Court House steps beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A favourite tradition for many families, the Candlelight Stroll begins with the Town Crier gathering everyone together in front of the Court House on Queen Street, with carol singing and the candle lighting ceremony.

All participants in the stroll have an opportunity to purchase a candle with cup for \$3, or two for \$5.

As is customary at the Stroll, there will be a special perfor-

mance by Debbie Whitehouse, singing from the Court House steps, later joined by the Salvation Army Band, as part of the opening ceremonies.

Lord Mayor Patrick Darte will introduce Strange, who is leading the stroll through the Heritage District aboard a horse-drawn carriage, and joining him will be Brandon Carvana. Brandon was diagnosed with brain cancer and

has been cancer-free for the past five years.

The stroll route will be alive with entertainment from various choirs and musical entertainers, including the Salvation Army Band, the bagpipes of Norm Haigh, the Fort George junior life and drum corps, Grace United Church, Sing Niagara, Niagara Christian Assembly, Acapella Niagara, German School Choir; Parliament

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Artist's abode in spotlight on Holiday House Tour

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Campbell Scott was a local character — he was known for being a little eccentric, share-minded, loved to share his opinions if he met someone while out walking

his border collie, and extremely talented as an artist.

With his background in carpentry and design, he not only designed and drafted the plans for his unusual house on the corner of Byron and Wellington St., he built it

himself — his true masterpiece — and filled it with his paintings, sculptures and furniture he hand-crafted.

He died in 2013, and the house has passed on to his close friends of almost 50 years, Paula and Ernest Penner, who have offered to

open the home for the 16th annual Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club Holiday House Tour.

Scott spent 35 years teaching art at St. Catharines Collegiate, but never stopped learning himself.

When he mastered one craft, he went on to something else — he was a wood carver, a jewelry designer, graphic artist, worked in pot-

tery, designed the wool sweaters that were his trademark and even a bold woven rug that still graces the dining room of the Byron St. house.

The Penners have meshed some of their furniture with Scott's, and have settled in with his border collie they have cared for since he took sick. Much of his art work remains on display, just as he left it.

Brad Baker of BBBlooms Floral Studio in St. Catharines is decorating the house for the holiday tour. He walked through it a few months ago, took photos, and is set to decorate in tune with the unusual lay-out and minimalist, almost zen-like style that characterizes the home.

"It's artistic, eclectic, very interesting - and non-traditional. You won't see red and green, necessarily, but you will see gold. It will look like 'home for the holidays,' just not the traditional home for the holidays," said Baker.

New as part of the tour, says Rotary member Joan Coyne, is an invitation to tour the Campbell Scott house, at 89 Byron St., after the Candlelight Stroll, and enjoy mulled wine or hot choco-



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Brad Baker of BBBlooms is preparing to decorate the Campbell Scott house on Byron St. for the 16th annual NOTL Rotary Holiday House Tour. Rotary member Joan Coyne is one of the organizers.

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Baker will also decorate outside, on the terrace around the pool.

There are five other homes on the tour - three of them on Pridoux St. The tour wouldn't happen without the co-operation of home owners like the Penners, who are willing to let more than 2,000 people trapse through their homes, and the local decorators who dress the most beautiful homes in NOTL in holiday finery.

It also takes about 300 volunteers, not just Rotary members but their friends and family, who oversee the two-day event.

RiverBlink Art Museum in Queenston will be open for the tour, as will McFarland House, one of the only structures to survive the burning of the town in 1813.

The Niagara PumpHouse will be featuring a show and

sale of unique holiday gifts by local artists, and St. Vincent De Paul Church Hall on Davy St. will host a special lunch menu and craft table.

Grace United Church on Victoria St., built in 1852, is included on the tour as is the Niagara Historical Museum.

Wine Country Vintners on Queen St., Peller Estates Winery and Truss Winery will all be offering complimentary tastings, and the wineries will have a specially-priced lunch menu.

The NOTL Golf Club will be headquarters for the house tour, selling tickets, providing information and offering pick-up for pre-paid tickets, with a special buffet lunch. Proceeds from the tour, Friday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., support local and international Rotary causes.

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NPC would like to invite the community to attend these sessions to gather feedback regarding the Annual Progress Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. American Sign Language interpreter services and closed captioning will be available.

Date: Thursday, November 27, 2014

Times: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
OR
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Legends on the Niagara Clubhouse
9561 Niagara Parkway
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Strauss artwork featured on local parade button

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's a button anyone would be proud to wear.

This year's Christmas parade buttons feature artwork by local artist Angie Strauss.

The buttons help pay for the marching bands that make the Niagara-on-the-Lake parade one of the best around, and raise about \$2,400, says John Strecker, who has looked after the buttons for the last six years.

Sold at \$2 each, the buttons are available in downtown locations: the Mary St. Arcade, Sandtrap Pub and Grill, Starbucks, and Hendriks Valu-mart.

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Local artist Angie Strauss displays the NOTL Christmas Parade button she designed this year.



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Each year's button profits banked for next year's bands

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Volunteers will be selling them outside Phil's Value-Mart and Penner's Home Hardware Saturday, Nov. 29.

Marching bands have to be booked well ahead of time, and they require their travelling expenses to be paid, so each year's button profits are banked for next year's bands, says Strecker.

"Otherwise, the parade is

quite self-sufficient."

This is a new design - it's changed most years, and have become collectibles, he says.

Strauss is renowned for her bold, dynamic paintings, and with a background in design, she says she wanted something that would work well on a small button — it had to be dynamic, immediately identifiable as Christmas.

She says she'd had a vision of what she wanted

to do — something dynamic, something people would relate to, something that says Christmas right away and that people would be happy to wear — both men and women — and finished it last July.

Strecker says he's delighted with the results, and hopes other local artists, professional or amateur, will begin thinking about a design for next year.

This year's parade, thanks to last year's button sales,

will have seven bands to create the sounds of the season.

Returning favourites include the E.L. Crossley Marching Band, the Top Hat Marching Band, the York Lions Steel Band, the incredible Burlington Teen Tour Band, and the very popular MM Robinson Drumline. Also back, becoming an annual entry, is the Ridley Cadet Corps.

With more than 100 entries in the 50th annual

volunteer-organized Christmas Parade, it will feature tremendous floats put together by local schools, businesses and attractions.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro will once again be collecting canned goods for Newark Neighbours.

And as always, representatives of Canada Post will be on hand to accept last minute letters for Santa, addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada H0H

OHO. Santa asks that return addresses are clearly marked so that the elves can be sure replies get to the right place.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. at King and Centre Streets, by Parliament Oak School.

It will then weave its way through town, following King to Castlereagh, to Wellington, to Byron/Prudeaux, to Simcoe, to Queen, and finishing at the Cenotaph Clock Tower.



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For two young Niagara women, a yearning for skilled trades was bred in the bone.

As a kid, Melissa Mussari was captivated by watching her father renovate their Queenston home.

Tiffany Stevenson couldn't get enough of observing her grandfather tinker on antique cars.

Both women were among 180 Niagara Catholic District School Board high school students gathered at Ball's Fall Conservation Centre for a "skills work for women" networking luncheon.

The Jordan event was coordinated by the board's business-technology pro-

gram in collaboration with Skills Ontario.

Mussari, who attends Saint Paul High School in Niagara Falls and is enrolled in a construction class, wants to hone her skills in a building renovations program.

Last year, she did a carpentry co-op at Romanelli Woodworks, where she thrived.

"We'd go to the houses and install cabinets, I just loved going to the houses and seeing all these different changes every day."

As for male domination in that sector, "In a way, it makes me want to prove that I can do it better," said the 17-year-old.

Stevenson said watching her grandfather and dad fix up vehicles "made me fall in love with all of it." "We had a barn and we'd just work on the cars."

"It's basically how I was brought up."

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Women with careers in skilled trades act as mentors

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The 16 year old, who attends St. Francis Secondary School in St. Catharines, plans to apply that growing interest in an auto mechanics course

next semester. She also likes how she feels at home in two worlds.

I can be accepted with friends who are girls, and also many (mechanically oriented) friends who are guys," she said. "You should

always do what you love, do what makes you happy. "Even if it's intimidating and someone says 'you shouldn't' or 'you can't' and you really want to prove them wrong."

At the event Thursday,

women with careers in skilled trades and technologies acted as mentors to help students learn how to network and make decisions about potential careers.

Maria Nestoros, a labourer and winner of Canada's Handyman Challenge, spoke at the gathering. The second keynote address was from Jamie MacMillan, an ironworker and the founder of Journeymen, which helps promote women in the skilled trades.

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Seniors' symposium offers thought-provoking ideas

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Much of Simon Clery's working life has been dedicated to one of his first loves: horses.

He has bred, trained and races horses locally, and was responsible for bringing polo to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Now, close to retirement age himself, he's helping others plan for their retirement.

He works with Sun Life Financial, he says, whose motto is "money for life."

"I wish I'd planned better

for the retirement years," says Clery. "I wish I'd known what I know now when I was younger."

He remembers his father preaching at him to look for a job with a pension, but that wasn't the kind of job that interested him, he says. "If he'd called it money for life, I would have listened to him."

But he has learned its importance the hard way, and is prepared to pass on what he's learned to others.

Clery is organizing a seniors' symposium to be held at the community centre Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sean Simpson will be

there to talk about health and nutrition, and Gigi Gesmundo, another Sun Life Financial advisor, will talk about the importance of looking after yourself, physically and financially.

With a background in pharmaceuticals, Gesmundo says she understands what it can cost to run into health problems, and no health care benefits to help pay for them.

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With the holidays approaching, says Clery, seniors may also want to hear about some "unique gifting ideas" to help their families financially, including their grandchildren.

Forrest Miller of H&R Block in Virgil will also be at the symposium to talk about tax tips, and will also have some advice for those dealing with British pensions.

For more information call 905-328-7313.



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Simon Clery and Gigi Gesmundo are organizing a seniors' symposium for advice on financial and physical well-being, at the community centre in Niagara-on-the-Lake Wednesday, Dec. 3.



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Town CAO meets his goal, wins challenge

➤ **Region CAO Harry Schlange wears Toronto Maple Leafs shirt as part of deal**

**Penny Coles
Niagara Advance**

The gauntlet was thrown and it was the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake staff to arise victorious by being the first to reach the November donation target by today's deadline.

Earlier this month, Town CAO Mike Galloway issued

a challenge to Niagara Region CAO Harry Schlange to raise \$1,000 by November 21. By Tuesday of last week, the Town had met that goal.

Today, Mr. Schlange, who is a die-hard Ottawa Senators fan, is sporting a Toronto Maple Leafs shirt as part of the deal.

This was a fun way to raise awareness for the November campaign and I want to congratulate Niagara Region staff for being such great sports," stated Galloway. "Also, I would like to thank members of our staff who give their time and energy each November for

this effort."

The Movember campaign continues until the end of the month. Members of the public are encouraged to help support this worthy cause by donating funds in the battle against prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges.

Both the Town and Niagara Region teams have their own websites to accept pledges. Please visit <http://moteam.co/town-of-niagara-on-the-lake-staff> or <http://ca.movember.com/team/1729177> to make a contribution.



Harry Schlange, CAO for Niagara Region, and Town CAO Mike Galloway show the rivalry is friendly, with NOTL ahead as the month ends, having reached its November target first.

Photo submitted

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Sports

Rangers take gold in Rochester tourney

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rangers Bantam Girls took their game State side this past weekend to the 18th annual Eastside Basketball Great Lakes Invitational basketball tournament in Rochester.

The girls proved poor guests, stealing gold from their American counter-

parts.

With the colossal Buffalo snow disrupting Friday's game, play began Saturday afternoon with a rough and tumble 47-43 victory over upstate New York's Oswego. That game saw the Rangers initially troubled by the other side's lightning fast break before successfully adjusting in the

second half.

Later in the evening tournament host Eastside Basketball proved no match for Niagara's speed. The Rangers cruised to a 44-14 win over the home squad with scoring contribution from virtually the entire roster.

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BANNERMAN, Lloyd - The family of Lloyd Charles Francis Bannerman - w/la, Leah; sons, Guy (Marion and daughters Grace, Rachel), Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON; Christopher (Fumi and sons Yuma, Shy), London, UK, Jonathan (deceased 2012); and daughter, Maja, St. Catharines, ON - announce the death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather. Treasured for all that he gave within the family and beyond as teacher, mentor, friend and so much more. Lloyd was born May 3, 1915 in Vancouver, B.C., where he met and married Leola Dakin in 1944. From Vancouver to Toronto, Inglewood, Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Stratford and St. Catharines, Lloyd had an impact on all who met him. After obtaining his PhD in Philosophy at the University of Toronto, Lloyd's years as a teacher, in the grandest sense of the word, went beyond his formal career at Laurentian High School in Ottawa and Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie. He had a passionate interest in books, Chinese philosophy, death and dying as well as social justice, particularly for the First Nations community. His sly sense of humour, incisive intellect and gracious manner will be keenly missed by the bank teller, the pharmacist, the philosophy student and most especially by his family and friends. A celebration of his life is scheduled for the date of what would be his 100th birthday Sunday May 3, 2015, at Algoma University. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to: the Lloyd Bannerman Fund at The Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre, Algoma University, 1520 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 2G4 (705-948-2301 Ext. 4759).

Online remembrances may be made care of this newspaper.

CHERNEY, Ronald E. - It is with sadness that we share the passing of Ron on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. In his 68th year. Beloved husband of Krista for 9 years. Loving father of Mark (Carlie), Ryan (Jeanette), Aaron (Melissa) and Nathan (Christie) and stepfather to Lisa Yen Tol (Phil) and Lana Hanson. Cherished grandfather to 12 grandchildren. Ron was a financial consultant for the past 20 years, most recently with Investors Group Financial Services. A celebration of Ron's life will be held on Friday, November 28 at 11:00 a.m. The service will take place at Calvary Church located at 89 Scott Street, St. Catharines. Light refreshments will follow. Those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. <http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca/> Memorials, photos and condolences can be shared at www.morseandson.com

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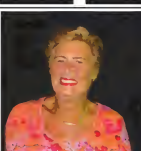
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JOAN CHICKEN (NEE GRAY)
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It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Joan after her courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Joan was the much loved wife of the late Tom Chicken, mother of Carolyn (Keith) Mason, Barb Gray, Barry (Karen) Gray, grandmother to Christopher, Stephen, Cliff, Douglas and Tyler; great grandmother to Aden. Joan and Tom emigrated to Canada in 1964, where Tom's career with Dow Chemical moved them all across Canada. Joan was an avid reader and a talented tennis player who was still winning medals well into her 80's. Joan and Tom enjoyed their travels through Europe, India, Africa, China, Japan, Mexico and their 2nd home in Florida. Joan loved volunteering for Eglar College in St. Petersburg, Florida and for the Show Festival in NOTL. Joan was energetic, vigorous, curious and truly one of a kind. Special thanks to CCAC, especially Irene Fisher, Dr. A. Smith and palliative care. Also to Dr. J. Geisbrecht and staff at Walker Cancer Center and the one-armed man who saved Joan from drowning in Yugoslavia. At Joan's request there will be no funeral service. Donations would be appreciated to ovariancancer.org or the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care BOX 130 NOTL, ON L0S 1J0. Arrangements entrusted to **Passfield Mortuary Services** 905-682-0474

VRIENS, John A. - Suddenly, John passed away on November 23, 2014 at the age of 54 years. Beloved husband and best friend of Bonnie for 32 years. Amazing father "Daddy" to Leanne Meleskie (Jason), Jessica Vriens (Jason Reynolds) and the late Derek John Vriens (1965). Proud "Pops" of Colton Meleskie. Cherished son of Corrie Vriens and the late Albert Vriens. John will be dearly missed by his brothers, Rodney (Cheryl), Steve (Janet), Jeff (Nic) and the late Richard Vriens; mother and father-in-law Judy and Ted VanBerlo; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. May you "Ride Free" until we meet again. Cremation will take place. Family will receive friends in the **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Wednesday November 26th from 2-4 and 7-9pm. A Memorial Service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday morning at 11:00. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morgenfuneral.com

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LETKEMANN, Harry John - Passed away November 20, 2014 at the age of 87 in London Ontario. He will be greatly missed by his dear wife, Elizabeth, daughter Sandra, grandson Jordan and brothers Ernest (Lettie) & Arno (Cherette). He was predeceased by brothers George and Ernie. Harry spent 21 years in the Canadian Armed Forces serving in Germany, later teaching at the School of Signals in Kingston. Upon his leaving the service, he worked with Bell Canada for 24 years, spending some time in Ottawa, London and Sault Abair. After retirement, he enjoyed the various activities with his comrades at the Royal Canadian Legion - Byron Branch.





The Rangers defeated Oswego 48-29 to win the championship of a tournament in Rochester.

Submitted photo

Final was rematch of last year's championship

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Those early wins set up a pivotal Sunday morning contest against fellow Canadians Ancaster Magic that would determine the Rangers' path to gold or bronze. Both teams came hard out of the starting blocks but

again the Rangers' depth pushed them first past the finish line by a score of 47-20.

That left only rival Oswego once again between the Rangers and gold. In a rematch of last year's loss to this same team in the tournament championship, 2014

was the Rangers turn for hardware as they came out on top 48-29.

"This is a great win for us," said jubilant head coach Jennifer Caughill. "Two years ago was our first time at this tournament and we came home empty handed. To beat the team that

took gold from us last year shows just how far we have come."

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